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Mermaid Boys

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STAGE 5
I WANT TO BECOME HUMAN!

Sunshine and the glittering sea.
The miracle that those
two will encounter...!
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STAGE 1 「I WANT TO BECOME HUMAN」
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KYAA~!
PRINCE NARU~
OH, OH! WHAT DID YOU FIND THIS TIME~?
Naru, prince of the mermaids
IT CAN'T BE HELPED THEN... READY?
I WANNA SEE TOO!

SFX: DANGLE
I FOUND THIS JUST A BIT AGO UP IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
BEHOLD!
WHOA!
THERE EXISTS SOMETHING IN THE HUMAN WORLD CALLED WIND. AN INVISIBLE, SPONTANEOUS SUPERNATURAL FORCE THAT CAUSES THE TEMPERATURE TO SUDDENLY GET COLDER
AND TOO PREVENT THAT...
SFX: TADA
THEY WEAR THESE!
I think...
KYAAAAA— PRINCE NARU IS SO COOL!
EH? I WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE STO-RIES!
OH, WELL LOOK AT THE TIME
ME TOO, ME TOO!
WE EXPECTED NOTHING LESS FROM THE HEIR TO THE THRONE.
HU-HUN..
THE PRINCE KNOWS EVERY-THING~

LET'S TALK AGAIN AFTER THE PARTY
I'LL BE SURE TO SHOW YOU MORE OF MY TREASURES
KYAAAAA!
YES, NO PROBLEM!
SEE YOU LATER, PRINCE NARU!
BYE, PRINCE NARU!
AS POPULAR AS EVER, I SEE.
BYE BYE.
Wave Wave

OH? IT'S RIM.
Naru's best friend, "Rim"
MORE GIRLS AGAIN, HUH?
IT MUST BE HARD BEING SUCH A POPULAR PRINCE, ISN'T IT?
WELL I AM BEAUTIFUL, AFTER ALL.
IT STIFFENS MY SHOULDERS HAVING A CROWD OF MERMAIDS AS COMPANY.
YOU'LL EVENTUALLY BE KILLED AND EATEN. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

NEVERTHELESS... YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN FASCINATED BY THINGS IN THE HUMAN WORLD. EVEN SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD.
BUT DOESN'T YOUR HEART START RACING JUST THINKING WHAT HUMANS USE THESE THINGS FOR?
UH, SURE...
MONEY, STATUS, MERMAIDS...
NOTHING CAN COMPARE TO MY LOVE OF THE FREEDOM THAT HUMANS HAVE. OH, THAT WONDERFUL SUN!

WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF SHE KNOWS ANYWAY...
THE QUEEN'S GONNA KILL YOU IF SHE FINDS OUT YOU'VE BEEN UP THERE AGAIN.
THAT'S UNLESS YOU GET EATEN FIRST
SFX: CHATTER CHATTER
YOU'RE LATE!
Queen "Lorelei"
SFX: SHRIEK
She found out...
NO, OF COURSE NOT. I WOULDN'T DARE GO NEAR THERE
YOU WENT UP TO THE SURFACE AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?

IF I CATCH YOU SWIMMING UP TO THE SURFACE AGAIN I'LL LOCK YOU UP
THE SURFACE IS A CRUEL AND TERRIFYING PLACE
THOSE DIRTY HUMANS RIDE SHIPS AND COME TO DEVOUR ALL THE FISH
AFTER ALL, TODAY'S AN IMPORTANT DAY WHERE THE PRINCE HAS TO PICK A BRIDE CANDIDATE
NOW, NOW
THESE MERMAIDS WERE CAREFULLY SELECTED FROM OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY, AND WE'RE CERTAIN ANY OF THE MERMAIDS HERE WILL SUIT THE PRINCE
NO NEED TO FIGHT!
SFX: SLAP
NONE.
WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO SEE ANY THAT STRIKE YOUR EYE?
...

MOTHER, I DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED YET!
FINE THEN. . I WILL DECIDE YOUR BRIDE.
OW! THAT HURTS!
IS IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO INTRODUCE HER TO YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER?
BESIDES IF IT'S ABOUT MY WOMAN, I CAN DECIDE IT MYSELF.
NARU!
I'LL HATE EVERYONE THAT IS CONSIDERED BY MOTHER
TUSH
What a waste.
Even though they're all beautiful fish!
AHH... PLEASE TELL US YOUR TASTE AND WE'LL ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER GROUP.
LET'S CALL FROM EVERY SEA IN THE WORLD.

THERE THERE, CLAM DOWN LORELEI
Pat
NARU WILL DECLINE EVEN IF YOU FORCE HIM INTO MARRIAGE
King "Harufu"
BUT STILL FOR GENERATIONS, THE MERMAID PRINCE MUST FIND HIS PARTNER AT THE AGE OF 18 AND OBTAIN THE RIGHTS TO SUCCEED THE THRONE
NARU'S ALREADY 21
HE'S OUR ONLY SON. IF NARU DOESN'T MARRY THIS YEAR EITHER, WE'LL GET PITIFUL LOOKS FROM THE OTHER COUNTRIES
QUEEN'S VISION

There they go again...
ARGH! YOU'RE JUST LIKE NARU!
EVEN DURING LUNCH...
GAHAHA!
IT MAY BE A BIT UNUSUAL FOR MY GENERATION, THAT'S FINE. BUT WE'LL MANAGE.
WHA-?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS TOO EASY ON H-
Gone...

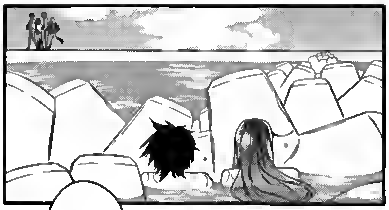
NARU!
ARGH! HOW BOTHERSOME!
"GO DO THIS, GO DO THAT." I AM NOT A KID ANYMORE!
I CAN CHOOSE MY WOMAN ON MY OWN!
Splash
Splash
Start
SHE'S JUST LOOKING OUT FOR YOU, THAT'S ALL.
BUT IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND HER SOMETIMES.
I HATE THOSE KINDS OF WOMEN, THOSE THAT ACT ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY.
WELL, WHAT KIND OF GIRL ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THEN?

WELL...
SPIRITED,
WITH A CUTE SMILE
HONEST,
AND BEATIFUL LEGS...

I FOUND HER...
HUH?
I FOUND HER!!
MY MER-MAID!!

AH?!
SFX FULL
EH?
?
You scared me.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?! WHAT IF THEY SAW US?!
THE QUEEN'S GONNA EXECUTE US!
I WAS CARELESS
HA?
BUT... DID YOU SEE THAT GIRL?
EH? THE HUMAN GIRL? THERE WERE TWO THOUGH
THE ONE WITH LONG HAIR!

HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN!!
EEEEEH?!
DON'T TELL ME... THE GREAT PRINCE NARU...
SFX: NOD
NONONO THAT'S NOT RIGHT!!
What's with that expression? That's the first time I've seen you like this!
HEY ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT COULD HAPPEN, RIGHT NARU?
HUH? I THOUGHT I JUST HEARD VOICE COMING FROM OVER THERE...
BUT FORBIDDEN LOVE GETS ME SO EXCITED!!
THAT WAS A HUMAN, NOT A MERMAID!



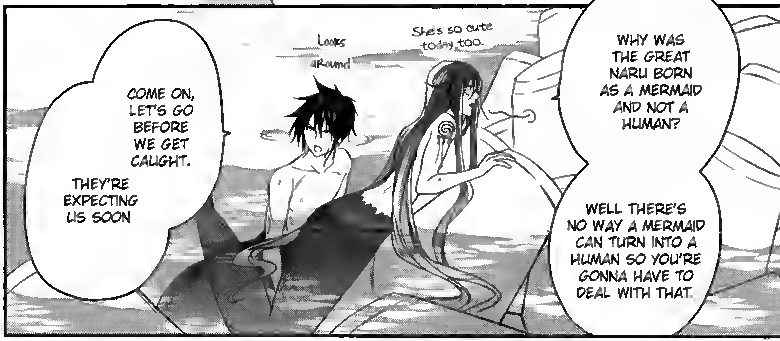
LOOKS LIKE THEY LEFT ALREADY

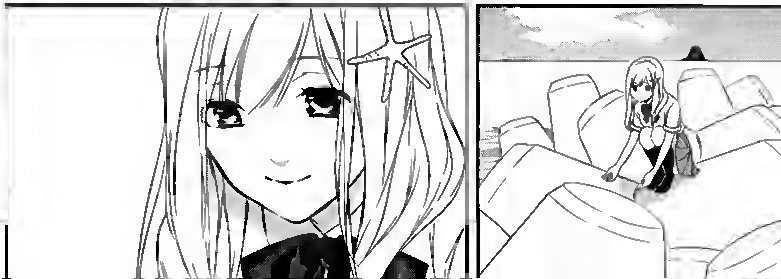
STOP IT, ALREADY.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST A GHOST OR SOMETHING
YOU'RE HEARING THINGS,
Let's go

HOW ARE WE GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS TO THE QUEEN...?
THOSE LEGS...

From then on, I kept going to the surface just to see that human girl.
I WANT TO MEET YOU...
SORRY TO BREAK IT TO YOU BUT...
Mermaid maiden.
SIGH...

EVEN TEMPORARILY, YOU ARE AN HEIR TO THE THRONE, RIGHT?
IF THE OTHERS CATCH WIND OF THIS THEN YOUR RIGHT TO THE THRONE WILL BE STRIPPED!
YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT.
COME ON! I'M NOT THE ONE WITH ROYAL BLOOD HERE.


WHY WAS THE GREAT NARU BORN AS A MERMAID AND NOT A HUMAN?
WELL THERE'S NO WAY A MERMAID CAN TURN INTO A HUMAN SO YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT.
Looks around
She's so cute today too.
COME ON, LET'S GO BEFORE WE GET CAUGHT.
THEY'RE EXPECTING US SOON



"Why can't we go near humans?"
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL, I...
"Those humans treat all the sea creatures as food. They pollute the sea with their garbage and destroy our habitats."
"Those of us who were negligent, were kidnapped and taken to the human world."
"I don't want to lose you too, Naru. Not... not like my sister."
"But aren't there some humans who play with dolphins?"
I UNDERSTOOD MY MOTHER'S WORDS, BUT....

SFX SPLASH
HUH? SOMETHING MOVED-
SFX SPLASH 2X
!!
SHE SLIPPED!
NO, THAT'S TOO DANGEROUS! LET'S GO BEFORE WE GET SEEN!
SFX SINK
WAIT...
WHA-?
SHE CAN'T SWIM!

HEY!
WAIT UP!
SHE'S... SO WARM.
Are all humans supposed to be this warm?!
But that doesn't matter right now.
Right now, I've got to help her!!

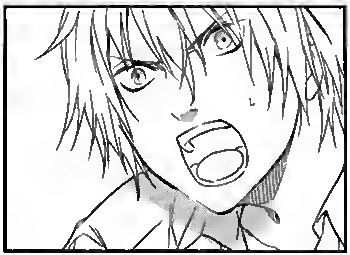
SPLASH
SPLASH
SHE'S ALIVE THANK GOOD-NESS..
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING HER THIS CLOSE
Doku..
Doku..

Toss
HERE YOU GO
Flop Flop
Flop
Y-YES!
THIS HUMAN DID THAT TO SAVE MY WIFE
Flop Flop
HOW ABOUT WE KEEP THIS A SECRET, ALL RIGHT?
HA! I AM SAVED. THANK YOU, PRINCE!
HOW CAN I BEST EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE?
I'LL SEE YOU TWO AROUND THEN.
WE WILL BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON!
So then your legs slipped because of this.
A human helping fishes?
TO ME... I CAN ONLY SEE HUMANS AS BEAUTIFUL CREATURES
DRAWS

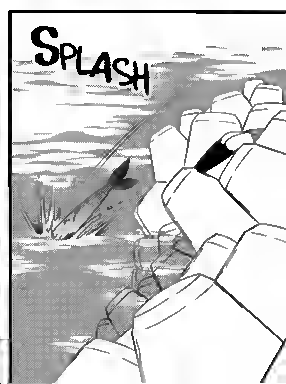
NAMI!

HMM?

Oh
no...



ARASHI?
AM I... ALIVE?
NAMI! NAMI ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!


SPLASH

WHATEVER, JUST HOLD ON TO ME
I'LL CARRY YOU HOME
YEAH.
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?! YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T SWIM!
ARASHI... DID YOU SAVE ME?
Huh?!
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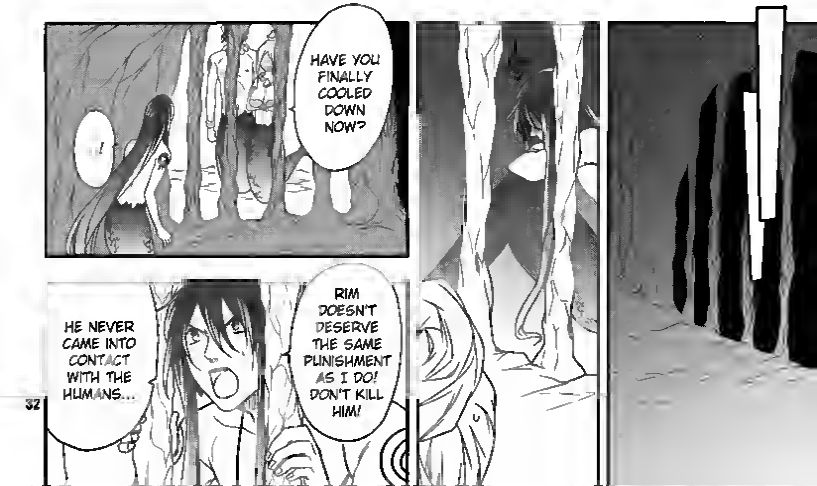
THANKS...
Eh
Wha-!?

NARU, THAT WAS DANGER-OUS!
YOU ALMOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK!
ME! I RESCUED HER, THE GREAT NARU!
IT WAS MEMEME MEMEME RIGHT!?
YEAH, BUT...!
IF ANYONE ASKS, THIS NEVER HAPPENED!
HEY! WE'D DEFINITELY BE EXE... IF YOU GOT CAUGHT, YOU KNOW!
WHAT?! NO WAY!
THAT JERK JUST STOLE MY CREDIT!!
I'LL DESTROY THOSE ARMS OF HIS!!!
CALM DOWN!! LET'S GO BACK!
NO, YOU GO BACK!
I AM GOING TO TALK TO THAT GIRL NOW!

EVEN THOUGH I WAS THE ONE WHO SAVED HER, HE...
WHY WAS I BORN AS A MER-MAID!?
I...
I WANT TO BE A HUMAN!
BUT I FINALLY GOT TO MEET HER UP CLOSE.
NARU ...!
WHIP
SHARKS?!

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RESTRAIN BOTH OF YOU. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT
YOU VIOLATED LAW NO. 145 OF THE OCEAN
Shark guard


HAVE YOU FINALLY COOLED DOWN NOW?
HE NEVER CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE HUMANS...
RIM DOESN'T DESERVE THE SAME PUNISHMENT AS I DO! DON'T KILL HIM!

HE IS SENTENCED TO HOUSE ARREST FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS
THIS WAS ALL MY FAULT...
NARU, WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND US?
I KNOW IT'S AS YOU SAY, MOTHER.
BUT STILL....
I DON'T THINK ALL HUMANS ARE BAD...
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT? MY SISTER DIED BECAUSE OF THOSE HUMANS.
HER CORPSE WAS ALL THAT REMAINED...

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER, NARU...
BUT STILL, I...
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WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LISTEN TO ME FOR ONCE, NARU?
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED THEN...
PRINCE NARU
FOR VIOLATING THE LAWS OF THE OCEAN, YOU ARE TO BE IMPRISONED HERE FOR HALF A YEAR!
I HOPE THIS SERVES AS A LESSON TO NEVER GO NEAR THE SURFACE AGAIN.

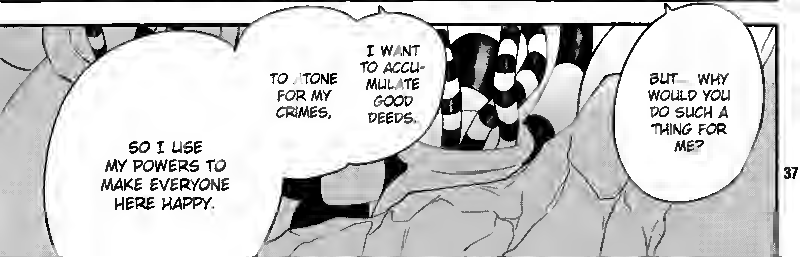
PLEASE STOP THIS, MOTHER!!
!!
IF YOU LEAVE THE SEA, YOUR BODY WILL START TO MELT AWAY.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
RELEASE ME! DAD, HELP ME!
NARU ...
... FOR-GIVE US.

DAMN IT...
TO HAVE SUCH LOVE TOWARDS A HUMAN, WHAT A WEIRD PRINCE YOU ARE

I COMMITTED A CRIME BY HELPING SOMEONE, JUST LIKE YOU DID. EXCEPT, NOT A HUMAN...
WHO'S THERE?
!
Peak
...?
JUST A NOBODY IMPRISONED HERE FOR THE REST OF ETERNITY.
Conjurer "Morou"

SO... YOU WANT TO BECOME A HUMAN, DON'T YOU?
YEAH BUT THAT WAS A PIPE DREAM.
WHAT IF I SAID THERE WAS A CONJURER HERE WHO CAN TURN THAT SAID PIPE DREAM INTO REALITY?

EH..?
CAN YOU REALLY TURN ME INTO A HUMAN!?
IF THE PRINCE WISHES, THEN I WILL BE THE PRINCE AND THE HUMAN GIRL'S CUPID.


BUT... WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING FOR ME?
I WANT TO ACCUMULATE GOOD DEEDS.
TO ATONE FOR MY CRIMES.
SO I USE MY POWERS TO MAKE EVERYONE HERE HAPPY.

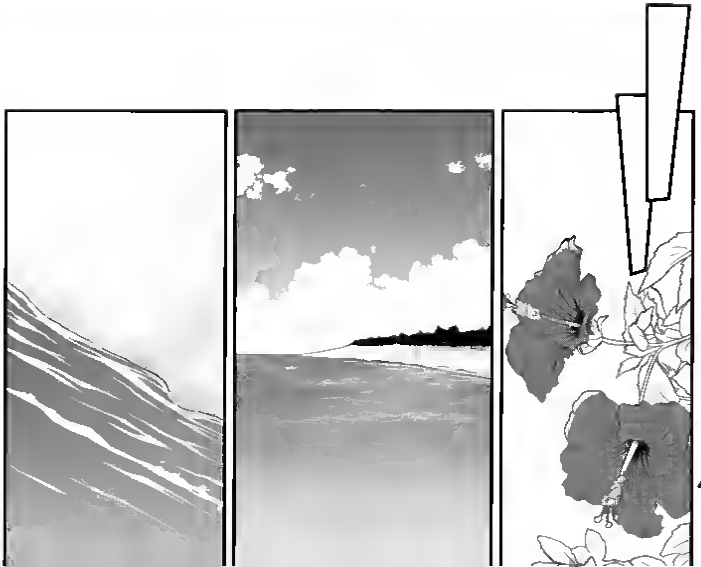
OH, IT'S VERY SIMPLE.
I EVEN HAVE A RECORD OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SEA COUNTRY.
CAN YOU REALLY DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
IF YOU HAVE DECIDED TO BECOME A HUMAN, YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR ONE MOST PRECIOUS THING
I WILL REQUIRE SOMETHING EQUIVALENT IN EXCHANGE FOR MY SERVICES
HOW-EVER,
WOW, THAT'S QUITE SOME-THING
SFX ARGUE
THEN HOW ABOUT YOUR EYES?
WHAT'S THE POINT IN BECOMING HUMAN IF I CAN'T SEE HER? AND DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TAKING MY EARS..
VOICE? YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?
EVEN IF I DO GROW LEGS, IT'D BE MEANINGLESS IF I CAN'T COMMUNICATE TO THAT GIRL
HMM..
LIKE WHAT?
LIKE YOUR VOICE?

AS EXPECTED OF THE PRINCE SO SELFISH..
FINE THEN..
HOW ABOUT WE TAKE SOME OF YOUR BEAUTY IN EXCHANGE.
FINE BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T MESS UP?
IF THAT'S THE PRICE, THEN BECOMING A HUMAN IS VERY CHEAP!
TURN ME INTO A HUMAN RIGHT NOW!!
FU FU FU... NOT AT ALL...
FUFUFU.. CONTRACT COMPLETE.

THERE'S ONE MORE THING I NEED TO TELL YOU
ABOUT THIS HUMAN FORM...
HA?!
YOU WILL TURN INTO BUBBLES IF YOU CAN'T MAKE AN INTIMATE CONNECTION WITH THAT HUMAN GIRL. YOU'LL RECEIVE THE SAME PUNISHMENT IF YOU REVEAL WHERE YOU'RE FROM.
SFX: COUGH
SFX: RUFFLE SX
WHA-!

Pant
Bubble
Bubble
SFX: SWOOSH
GOOD LUCK!

A bit more, that girl...
A little...
bit...
If I can just get a little closer...!!
I see, so humans can't breathe underwater!!



Sunayama Beach- Miyako Island
Sakuragai Nami

SFX: FLOATING
WHA- IS THAT...
...A CORPSE ?!
EH?!
Closer
WAIT, HE'S ALIVE!
THANK GOOD-NESS!
HNN NGH
HMM
WHATDOIDO WHATDOIDO WHATDOIDO ?!
SOMEONE—!!
SFX GRAB
SFX BLUSH
BUT IF I LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT...
I NEED TO HELP HIM!
B-BUT I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIS... THING...
LET'S CALL HII-SAN OVER!
SFX PANIC

EH, WHAT!?
I'VE FINALLY MET YOU
MY
SFX SPLASH
MY MERMAID!

A...
AHHHH
!!
WHACK

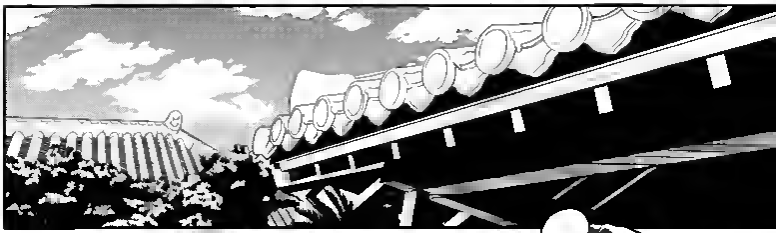
Opens eyes
UNCOVER
THIS IS...
Gets up
Gasp

WHOA—!
I REALLY DID GROW LEGS!
Steps in
IS THIS
THE HUMAN WORLD?
SO HAPPY
AWE-SOME!!
dang dang
HUMAN LIFESTYLE!
WEAR
THIS IS THE HUMAN WORLD!
Pulling out
HUMAN'S TOOLS!

Tap
Tap
I was
really
turned into
a human!
BANG
!
That
girl!

KYAA AAA!
MY MERMAID—!!!
Jump
I WANTED TO SEE YOU~~~!!!
WH...
WHAT...?
I AM SO HAPPY I COULD SCREAM!
I WILL LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!
KYAAA?! KYAAA?!
PERVERT!!
Flips open
CUT IT OUT ALREADY...
HUMANS ARE SPLENDID!
OH! SO THIS IS WHAT IT IS!!

SFX: SWOOOSH

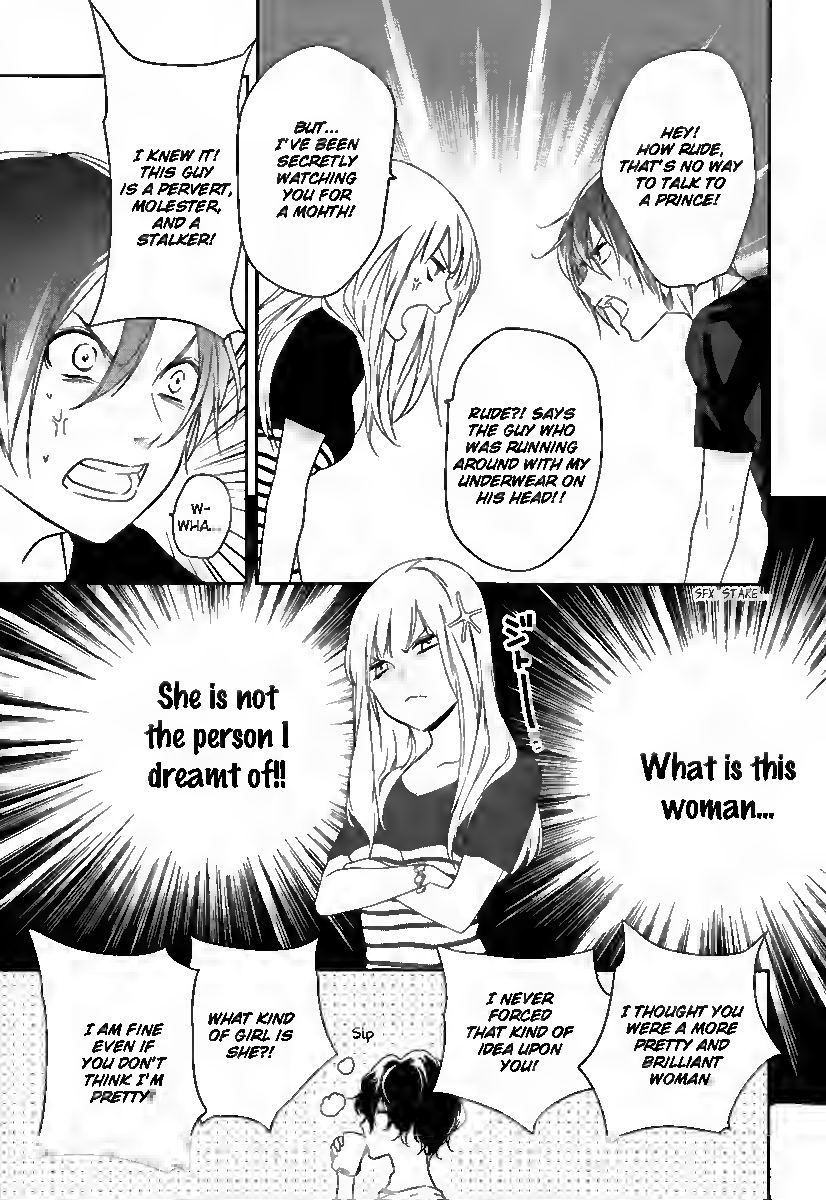


HMMM, YOU DON'T LOOK JAPANESE
HOW ABOUT YOU START BY TELLING US YOUR NAME, MR-
BUT BEFORE YOU ASK FOR MY NAME, GIVE ME YOURS FIRST.
AH... SORRY
I'M HIKARU.
YOU CAN CALL ME HII-SAN.
MY NAME IS NARU
I'M FROM THE SEA COUNTRY OF MER-
"You'll receive the same punishment if you reveal where you're from."
Kufufufu
--HUMAN!
NO KIDDING!!
WHY DO I HAVE TO TELL A PERVERT LIKE YOU!!
DOESN'T MATTER WHO I AM, RIGHT?
YOUR NAME, WOMAN?
COME ON, DON'T BE LIKE THAT
HER NAME IS NAMI

NAMI!
WHAT A WONDERFUL NAME, WORTHY TO BE MY BRIDE!!
ENRAGED
HAH?! DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?!
WELL... HE PROBABLY HIT HIS HEAD ON A ROCK...
LET'S TAKE THIS GUY TO THE POLICE!
POLICE ..?
IS THAT LIKE SOME KIND OF ARMY?
HM?
I WONDER IF THERE WAS SOMEONE SIMILAR WHO WASHED UP LIKE THIS...
I've come this far, I can't return now...
I HAVE NO MEMORY...
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE I CAME FROM NOR MY IDENTITY...
Soo
AH... I HAVE NO ONE TO CALL TO, NOWHERE TO SLEEP, AND NOTHING TO EAT. MY LIFE AHEAD IS PITCH-BLACK
Soo
YOU POOR THING...

SHALL WE LET YOU STAY AT OUR PLACE UNTIL YOU GET YOUR MEMORY BACK?
EEEH?! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
DOESN'T HE LOOK INTEREST-ING?
YOU KNOW THIS ISN'T THE SAME AS PICKING UP A STRAY DOG OR CAT, RIGHT!?
MEOW
HE SEEMS TO WANT TO STAY HERE
NAMI-CHAN CAN FINALLY HAVE A PLAYMATE HER AGE IT'LL BE SO EXCITING!
POINT
DON'T BE STUPID!!
ISN'T THIS GUY YOUNGER THAN ME! THIS SHRIMP...!
HEY, I'M 21.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
LOOK IN THE MIRROR!
SHOVE
SO UNGRATEFUL!

My long and beautiful hair...
HUH...?
My perfect build...
I see... he said he would take my beauty in exchange.
Are all gone?!!
ABSOLSUTELY NOT!!!
ANYWAYS, I CANNOT LIVE WITH THIS DIRTY, PERVERTED GUY.


HEY! HOW RUDE, THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO A PRINCE!
BUT... I'VE BEEN SECRETLY WATCHING YOU FOR A MONTH!
I KNEW IT! THIS GUY IS A PERVERT, MOLESTER, AND A STALKER!
RUDE?! SAYS THE GUY WHO WAS RUNNING AROUND WITH MY UNDERWEAR ON HIS HEAD!!
W-WHA...
SFX: STARE
ジト——
What is this woman...
She is not the person I dreamt of!!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MORE PRETTY AND BRILLIANT WOMAN
I NEVER FORCED THAT KIND OF IDEA UPON YOU!
Sip
WHAT KIND OF GIRL IS SHE?!
I AM FINE EVEN IF YOU DON'T THINK I'M PRETTY

GRRR!
It's fun to be a human
...But...
I made an enormous mistake...
I'll turn into foam!!
If I can't link with this woman within a year...
What do I do!?
What...

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